

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2012

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CHAIRMAN	RON MUNNERLYN
VICE-CHAIR	DR. CAROLYN PRINCE
ADMINISTRATOR	CECIL KIMREY
COUNTY ATTORNEY	HARRY EASTERLING, JR.

COUNCIL:

JASON STEEN, RON MUNNERLYN, DR. CAROLYN PRINCE, STEVE BLACKMON, AND	WILLIE GLADDEN, CORRIE H. PLATO,* KEN ALLEN, ANTHONY WOODS
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\* Absent

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman advised a brief Executive Session for a legal matter that would be needed at the beginning of the meeting.

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon to add an executive session to the agenda for discussion of a legal matter at the beginning of the meeting. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince to enter Executive Session for discussion of a legal matter. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

Mr. Willie Gladden joined the meeting during the Executive Session.

**Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen to leave executive session and re-enter open session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman advised, no votes had been taken and no decisions were made during the Executive Session.**

**Mr. Munnerlyn, Chairman advised that Ms. Corrie Plato had a death in the family and Council wished to express their condolences.**

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES - JANUARY 10, 2012.

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the minutes of January 10, 2012 as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 697 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING (1) THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AND INCENTIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (THE “COUNTY”) AND (5-STAR USA CORPORATION), ACTING FOR ITSELF, ONE OR MORE AFFILIATES OR OTHER PROJECT SPONSORS (THE “COMPANY”), IN CONNECTION WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OR CERTAIN MANUFACTURING AND RELATED FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY (THE “PROJECT”); (2) THE COUNTY TO COVENANT IN SUCH AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT CERTAIN NEGOTIATED FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT; (3) SPECIAL SOURCE CREDITS TO PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENT FOR A PORTION OF CERTAIN COSTS INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT; (4) THE BENEFITS OF A MULTI-COUNTY PARK TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COMPANY AND THE PROJECT; AND (5) OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO. – SECOND READING.

Mr. Harry Easterling, Jr., County Attorney stated at the prior meeting that Council had tabled the second reading until the February meeting; per the company’s request. The company was to review and to give their comments on this Ordinance; however, this did not happen. Mr. Easterling, Jr. recommended that the Council should not take any action at this time. No action was taken.

ORDINANCE # 580 A – AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE # 580 DESIGNED TO AID IN THE SITING OF TELECOMMUNICATION TOWERS AND ANTENNAE IN MARLBORO COUNTY. – SECOND READING

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised Council on the basic changes in Ordinance #580A. The previous system had only one system; currently the system is a 3-tier system. Mr. Kimrey then proceeded to advise Council on the class levels within this tier:

Class 1: \$200 for tower / antenna  
Class 2: \$2500 application fee for tower  
\$1500 application fee for each antenna

Class 3: \$200 for tower / antenna (Government-owned towers are exempt from fee.)

Mr. Kimrey stated that Mr. Van Billingsley was present at the Planning Commission Meeting and addressed their concerns. He advised that the Planning Commission approved the recommended changes. Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman noted that these basic changes were in reference to the Council goal of setting up wireless Internet in the rural areas of Marlboro County.

**Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 580 A - An amendment to Ordinance # 580 designed to aid in the siting of telecommunication towers and antennae in Marlboro County. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 700 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ALLOCATION OF TEN PERCENT OF ALL REVENUE DERIVED FROM INCENTIVE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY AND ONE OR MORE COMPANIES LOCATED WITHIN A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK TO THE MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND; AND OTHER RELATED THERETO. – FIRST READING

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman advised in a summary that this an Administrative fee used as an Incentive to put back into our Economic Development Account in order to use for other projects.

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 700 - An Ordinance authorizing the allocation of ten percent of all revenue derived from incentive agreements between Marlboro County and one or more companies located within a Multi-County Industrial Park to the Marlboro County Economic Development Fund. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE 701 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK BETWEEN DARLINGTON COUNTY AND MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA. – FIRST READING

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised that we have had a good reciprocal agreement with Darlington County. Darlington County has assisted Marlboro County and they are now requesting that we assist them in return. This is in regards to the Sonoco expansion. They are offering an incentive of 1% to us. Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman stated that Darlington County gets the benefit of our status and then we get money (1%) in return.

**Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 701 - An Ordinance to amend the agreement for development of a Multi-County Industrial Business Park between Darlington and Marlboro County in regards to the Sonoco expansion. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION #02-12-01 – A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER CREDIT CARD TO NEW CLERK OF COUNCIL

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised that the Resolution transfers and allows Ms. Natalie Manning, Clerk to Council authorization to use the County credit card for Council expenses. Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman acknowledged Ms. Manning as the new Clerk to Council.

**Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by, Mr. Anthony Woods to approve Resolution #02-12-01 to transfer credit card to the new Clerk of Council. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION #02-12-02 – A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A 2012 RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman made an inquiry of where the money would go. Mr. Cecil Kimrey advised Council had previously discussed two locations. He stated that if two (2) locations were chosen; staff would have to complete two (2) separate applications. The locations would have to be specified on the applications. He also advised that a Public Hearing would have to be held. Mr. Munnerlyn noted that Mr. Willie Gladden had been quite active in the process for the trails grant in the Brightsville area Recreation. Mr. Kimrey stated that if Council were not ready to make a decision, it could be delayed until later. Mr. Willie Gladden advised he had been very active in this process and he wanted the walking trail for the Brightsville area completed. He wanted a portion of the funds

designated for this area. Council discussed the various sizes of the walking trail. Mr. Kimrey stated the walking trail should be placed at the front of the park where the ladies would feel more comfortable using it. After further discussion, council agreed to proceed with two locations: Brightsville and Lindsay Park.

**Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by, Mr. Willie Gladden to approve Resolution #02-12-02 for the 2012 Recreational Trails Program Grant Application for Lindsay Park and Brightsville Park. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

DISCUSSION OF FIRE COORDINATOR POSITION

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised that the cost to replace street signs is expensive and time consuming. Mr. Kimrey, County Administrator further advised to re-assign Dwayne Byers, then to later place a part-time Fire Coordinator.

Mr. Jason Steen advised Council that the Fire Commission met awhile back and that he will be able to get information in regards to the qualifications and the recommendation that is needed. Mr. Munnerlyn, Chairman addressed Council about the official who would do the "hiring and firing" of this position.

Mr. Kimrey, County Administrator advised that he would be the supervisory official over this position; however, he would inquire of the Fire Association and various other items for needed assistance for the selection process. Dr. Prince stated if the qualified person will be housed in the Administration building. Mr. Kimrey stated that the response was correct. Mr. Kimrey informed Council that money is in the budget in order to meet this request.

**Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by, Mr. Jason Steen to approve the hiring and qualifications for the Fire Coordinator position. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO GATEWAY I-95 PARK FOR SPECULATIVE INDUSTRIAL BUILDING PROJECT

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator stated about the money the county received was for this specific usage. Mr. Kimrey advised Council that he is requesting permission to transfer the amount of \$257,375.00 for the Industrial Park Fund. This money came from a grant from the Marlboro Electric Co-op.

**Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by, Dr. Carolyn Prince to approve the transfer of funds to Gateway 1-95 for speculative industrial building project. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

PROPOSED RENEWAL OF AUDIT SERVICES AGREEMENT

Council was advised of the three – year contract with the Accounting firm Hill & Jordan, LLC. This is currently up for renewal. The costs are as follows: **June 30, 2012** – (\$29250.00), **June 30, 2013** – (29,750.00), and **June 30, 2014** (\$30.500.00).

**Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by, Dr. Carolyn Prince to approve renewal of the contract. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

CHANGE ORDER – WATER TIRE GRANT FOR JACKSON PROPERTY

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised the Council of the completion of the Jackson Property clean-up. He advised Council he had requested permission from DHEC to use the remaining funds for the BORO site project for the removal of tires. The cost for clean- up in the removal of this waste may be more than \$5,000.00. Mr. Kimrey requested approval for the execution of a change order to use the remaining funds at the BORO Site project.

**Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by, Mr. Anthony Woods to approve the Change order for clean-up at the BORO site. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

APPROVAL TO OBTAIN OPTION TO PURCHASE OF LAND ADJACENT TO ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised Council on an option to authorize the execution to purchase the land adjacent from the Administrative building. Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman acknowledged this was the two physician offices that is needed for the renovation project to the Administration building.

**Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by, Mr. Jason Steen to authorize Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator to execute an option to purchase the land adjacent to the Administrative building. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

ACQUISITION OF CSX OWNED LOT ADJACENT TO BORO SITE

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised that the cost of the land was \$5000.00 in order to process the transfer. Mr. Ron King recommended that Council should proceed. Mr. King further noted that this lot is alongside the right of the railroad tracks on Maple Ave.

and this part of the property did not get transferred 30 years ago when the initial property was transmitted. It was not physically titled under the name of the railroad. However, the administrative fees (\$5,000.00) have to be paid on this site. CSX Railroad has currently been paying taxes on this property.

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by, Dr. Carolyn Prince to authorize the County Administrator to execute the lot adjacent to the BORO site up to \$5000.00. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

APPROVAL TO RETAIN TOMMY CARABO AS FINANCIAL CONSULTANT

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator requested permission to retain Mr. Tommy Carabo as a Financial Consultant on an interim basis until the County finds a permanent Financial Director at a cost of \$50.00 per hour.

**Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by, Mr. Jason Steen to approve the hiring of Mr. Tommy Carabo as a Financial Consultant on a temporary basis until a permanent Finance Director can be hired. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

LAND PURCHASE FOR CONVENIENCE CENTER IN WALLACE, SC

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised Council that he was seeking authorization to purchase property for a convenience center in Wallace, SC from Arthur State Bank who is listed as the trustee for the property. He advised Council he did not hear from them on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 as scheduled. Mr. Kimrey advised that \$3500.00 was offered for the purchase of the land. Mr. Kimrey advised that he and Mr. Jason Steen had looked extensively for a suitable location. It was determined that this was a good location for everyone. If the amount was a couple of thousand more; the owner may be willing to sell. Mr. Ron Munnerylyn, Chairman questioned if a budget was needed in order to proceed. Mr. Steen advised \$5000 (just for the land). Council was requested to approve up to an allocation of \$5500.00 for purchase of the property.

**Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by, Mr. Willie Gladden to approve the land purchase up to \$5500 for a convenience center in Wallace, SC. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

Other Boards & Commissions

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon to appoint Ms. Kay Redbrooke to the Marlboro County Advisory Board for Parks and Recreation. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

OPENING & ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS

- A. **Administration building roof** - Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised the bids for renovation of the roof had been postponed due to issues with the roof. No action was taken.
- B. **Detention Center, Service Door - Cox Door** - (\$5,638.00), **Overhead Door Columbia** - (\$6,560.00), **Carolina Construction, Inc.** - (\$9,200.00) Mr. Kimrey, County Administrator, recommended acceptance of the lowest bid as presented by Cox Door.

Mr. Willie Gladden stated that the Detention Center should inform Council on how much revenue they are bringing in. Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman stated departments are to be compliant with rule of the Budget Ordinance in which all funds are deposited to the Treasurer's office. Mr. Willie Gladden further required the need for a copy of the Detention Center's budget from the Treasurer's office.

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods seconded by, Mr. Ken Allen to approve expenses on the lowest bid with Cox Door. Vote in favor: Mr. Anthony Woods, Mr. Jason Steen, Dr. Carolyn Prince, Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Mr. Steve Blackmon, and Mr. Ken Allen. Opposed: Mr. Willie Gladden. Vote 6/1/0. Motion carried.**

- C. **Emergency Management Truck** - Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised Council that this was a State contract to purchase a pickup for emergency management, quick response, etc. The funding for this pickup is provided by a 100% Grant.

**Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by, Mr. Jason Steen to approve 100% grant for an Emergency Management Truck. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

- D. **Marlboro County Rescue – Purchase of radios, equipment, and various items** - Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised Council that this was also a State contract to purchase radios, equipment, and various items for the Marlboro County



Rescue. The funding for these purchases is provided by a grant and Marlboro County Rescue.

**Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by, Mr. Jason Steen to approve the purchase of radios, equipment, etc. for Marlboro County Rescue. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL REPORT – CECIL KIMREY, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

**Expenditure & Revenue** – The expenditure ( 53% ) and revenue ( 32 % ) reports for the month ending January, 2012 are attached for council review.

**Employee Recognition** – Employees with at least five years of service through the end of January include: Susan D. Alderman (7 years), Byers, Dwayne (8 years), Shirley B. Dunsford (11 years), William B. Funderburk (15 years), Mary H. Herndon (11 years), Fred A. Knight (7 years), Ronald K. McDonald (19 years), Grover McQueen, Jr. (9 years), Melissa E. Skipper (17 years), Kevin K. Treadaway (5 years).

**Emergency Purchase** - An emergency purchase was made to replace a HVAC unit at the Detention Center.

**Ethics Forms** - Ethics forms are due by April 1, 2012.

**Worker's Compensation** - The county won the Silver Award from the SCAC for reporting Worker's Compensation claims. This is the third time in 4 years the county has been in the top 3 of reporting claims.

**Trails Grant** - / A public hearing regarding a Trails Grant application will be held on March 13, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

**Detention Center** - There is a fracture in the walls of the Detention Center. The cost to repair the walls is expected to be significant.

**Voter Machine** - There were some voter machine issues during the last election.

**Parks and Recreation Advisory** - A Parks and Recreation Advisory meeting was held on January 25, 2012.

**Planning Commission** – A Planning Commission meeting was held on February 6, 2012.

**Courthouse** – Clock repairs at the Courthouse may become more of an issue due to unavailability of parts.

**Bennettsville Holding, LLC** – Since Bennettsville Holding, LLC has already received \$150,000 plus tax breaks from the State of SC and a State grant, I am not recommending anymore tax abatements.

**Blenheim Fire Department** – Blenheim Fire Department found a truck for less money than the estimated truck repairs. The amount of \$12,500 is now being requested for a new truck. This truck has fewer miles than the one to be repaired.

**Map Machines** – The map machines is expected be in service by February 22, 2012.

**Jackson site** – The Jackson site has been cleared of tires.

**Landscaping** – Landscaping issues have been addressed at the park using a NESA grant.

**Animal Shelter** – The roof repairs at the Animal Shelter will be completed as soon as the contractor schedules the work. The HVAC estimate is that 2 units would have to be replaced.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL:

Mr. Belvin Sweatt – addressed council regarding the hearing between Marlboro County and DHEC which was scheduled to begin at the Marlboro County Courthouse February 21, 2012. He encouraged everyone to attend and support Marlboro County Council.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Mr. Anthony Woods** – No comments.

**Ms. Corrie Plato** – No comments.

**Mr. Jason Steen** – No comments.

**Mr. Willie Gladden** – No comments.

**Dr. Carolyn Prince** – No comments.

**Mr. Steve Blackmon** – No comments.

**Mr. Ken Allen** – No comments.

**Ron Munnerlyn** – No comments.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon to add an item to the agenda authorizing the hiring of a full-time employee in 911. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince to approve the hiring of a full-time employee in 911. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

Council received a letter from RALI Marlboro requesting approval to do landscaping work at Lindsay Park at no cost to the County. Council members wished to see the proposed plans before proceeding. Council members requested RALI Marlboro coordinate with and include Mr. Gary Harrington, Recreation Director in their plans for the park.

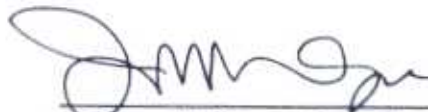
**Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon to add the request of RALI Marlboro requesting approval to do landscaping work at Lindsay Park to the Agenda. Vote in favor: Mr. Jason Steen, Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Mr. Steve Blackmon, Mr. Ken Allen, and Mr. Willie Gladden. Abstain: Mr. Anthony Woods and Dr. Carolyn Prince. Vote: 5/2/0.**

**Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen to approve RALI Marlboro drawing up plans for Lindsay Park landscaping for Council approval. Vote in favor: Mr. Jason Steen, Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Mr. Steve Blackmon, Mr. Ken Allen, and Mr. Willie Gladden. Abstain: Mr. Anthony Woods and Dr. Carolyn Prince. Vote: 5/2/0.**

ADJOURN

No further discussion was heard. The meeting was adjourned.

(SEAL)



J. Ronald Munnerlyn, Chairman  
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:



Natalie Manning, Clerk  
Marlboro County Council

Date Adopted: March 13, 2012